Archaeological Department.

142. Mr. P. Raman Menon:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Cochin Archaeological Department is identical with the Sree Rama Varma Research Institute;

(b) if not, will the Government be pleased to define the scope and functions of the two;

(c) how long has the Department of Archaeology been in existence in the State;

(d) how many reports on the administration of the department have been published hitherto?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:—(a) No. The latter is a separate Institution, of which the Government Archaeologist is the Secretary.

(b) The function of the Archaeological Department is to conduct archaeological researches by preserving the ancient sites and monuments in the State, while that of the Rama Varma Research Institute is to afford facilities for carrying on research work on the ancient history of Kerala—particularly of Cochin.

(c) It has been in existence since Kumbhom 1102.

(d) Six reports on the Administration of the Department have been published.

Condition of the Cochin Potteries and Tanneries.

143. Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state what is the present condition of the Cochin Potteries and Tanneries?

Mr. V. K Aravindaksha Menon:— The Potteries are being worked on a commercial basis. Work at the Tanneries remains suspended.

Quantity of teak sold from Palapilly teak plantations.

144. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:— (a) Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of teak sold from the Palapilly teak plantations this year; and

(b) the amount realised by the sale?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon:— (a) 1,226 candies till the 3rd of Karkidagam 1110.

(b) Rs. 16,674.

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